

WEEKLY VIEWS

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FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2010

The director of the upcoming feature film "Joint Body" scouted locations at the Wabash Valley Correctional Facility, where scenes for the movie will be filmed. Lead actor Mark Pellegrino of "Lost" fame will be in front of the camera at Wabash next Friday.

The Executive Director of the Henry County United Fund notified New Castle that they will be honored as this year's "Employer of the Year" both locally and in Indianapolis. This is due to a 142% increase in staff donations over last year.

In response to the rise in the rate of burglaries in Marion County, Indianapolis Parole District #3 joined the City of Indianapolis/Department of Public Safety and the Indianapolis Violence Reduction Partnership in a meeting for paroled offenders convicted of Burglary. This meeting resulted in three arrests for Public Intoxication, as two parolees and one probationer arrived at the meeting intoxicated.

PEN Products staffers, Doug Evans and Lisa Williams, were presenters at the National Defendant Offender Workforce Development Conference in Dallas. Their presentation highlighted the USDOL Apprenticeship and the National Institute of Correction's Offender Workforce Development Training which have become major components of Re-entry within IDOC and PEN Products.

Correctional Industrial Facility donated 209 cell phones with chargers and some clothing to Alternatives Incorporated of Madison County, Indiana.

The Indiana State Prison held a blood drive and collected 29 pints of blood which were donated to the American Red Cross.

Staff from the Indiana State Prison presented an education program on Drugs, Gangs and Tattoos at the Kitchen Express Restaurant in Knox, Indiana. Superintendent Wilson stated, "We are proud and honored to have a program like this that promotes positive interactions and encourages social and community networking. Any sharing of information in an effort to save our youth from making mistakes and encourages appropriate behavior from children is a worthy cause."

Westville's Internal Affairs Department sent two representatives to speak at the annual "Keeping Our Communities Safe" conference sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Mapps and Mr. Stinson will present on the topic of Security Threat Groups in the DOC and the Department's efforts to work with local law enforcement to promote safer communities.

Three Pendleton Juvenile students participated in community service activity for the Anderson Mayor Kris Ockomon and the Parks and Recreation Dep. They collected 26 bags for a total of 1300 gallons of trash from Streaty Park.

The Inside/Out Dad program is hosting its third annual Caregiver's event in the Visiting Room of Correctional Industrial Facility for the mothers, grandmothers, and grandfathers of the offender's children. The event is held to thank the caregivers for carrying all the responsibilities of the family while the father is incarcerated.

Agents and Supervisors from Indianapolis District #3 Parole Office participated in the Shepherd Community Center Beautification Project, in conjunction with the City of Indianapolis and residents of the Bates/Hendricks Neighborhood Association. They helped plant trees and clean up the trail and stream by removing trash and debris in demonstrating a commitment to being a good neighbor.

Seventeen students including the instructor from Ivy Tech's Criminal Justice Program in Muncie toured New Castle Correctional Facility.

Staff at the Reception-Diagnostic Center held a "March Madness" Coney Dog Sale, and \$220.96 was raised for the upcoming Correctional Employees' Appreciation Week.

Students at Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility were invited to celebrate the Easter holiday with an egg hunt, games, prizes, and a voluntary church service.

Staff at the Indiana State Prison held a Chili Cheese Dog fundraiser for the Correctional Police Officers Fund and raised approximately \$300.

Northeast Juvenile Correctional Facility welcomed Dr. Elijah Anderson, Professor of Sociology at Yale University. Dr. Anderson spoke to the students about the importance of getting an education to change their lives.

Correctional Industrial Facility will host its eighth weekend for the Preventative Relationship Enhancement Program (PREP) and 16 couples are expected to attend.

"If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything." ~ Mark Twain